

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 125 – HB 73

March 14, 2017

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the P.O.W.-M.I.A. flag to be displayed over the State Capitol on any day that the United States flag is displayed for the purpose of increasing public awareness of the P.O.W.-M.I.A. issue and to gain public support for the efforts of the United States government to resolve this matter.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000/One-Time
Exceeds \$1,000/Recurring

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004787): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires the P.O.W.-M.I.A. flag to be displayed over the State Capitol during the month of September on days that neither house of the Tennessee General Assembly is in session.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 58-4-301(a), the P.O.W.-M.I.A. flag shall be displayed over the State Capitol at least during Tennessee P.O.W.-M.I.A. Recognition Week, which occurs in September.
- Tennessee Code Annotated § 4-1-406(a) requires flags to be flown from top to bottom as follows: the official United States flag, the official state flag, and any other flags.
- Currently, the United States flag and the Tennessee state flag are always displayed on the capitol building. Additionally, the flag of the Tennessee General Assembly is flown when the General Assembly is in session.
- The provisions of the bill as amended provide that no more than three flags will be flown above the State Capitol at one time.
- No further structural changes to the existing flag pole are required under the bill as amended.

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- It is estimated that the flag flown over the State Capitol during P.O.W.-M.I.A. Recognition Week will be sufficient to be flown for the remainder of the month of September; as a result, it is anticipated that no additional flags will have to be purchased as a result of this legislation.
- The fiscal impact of the bill is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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